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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4-6, 8-11, 16, 17, 23, 25 and 27-29 as follows:

4. (amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receiving and unloading positions are substantially at the same level.